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MONTANA COMMUNITIES WITH POPULATION OF 2,000 OR MORE

CITY			COUNTY		TRANSPORTATION				PROGRAMS					
									Does City have.....				Taxes(4)	
LOCATION	NAME	POPULATION (1)1974)	NAME	POPULATION (1)1974)	AIR CARRIER(2)	DISTANCE IN MILES	RAILROAD SERVICE(3)	NUMBER OF MAJOR TRUCKLINES	MAJOR HIGHWAYS	Comprehensive Plans?	Zoning Ordinances?	Number of Industrial Sites?	Local Oevelopment Corporation?	Actual Tax Paid Per $1000 Of Marketable Value (1974-75) City	County Average	Natural Resources in Area
S C	Billings	63,490	Yellowstone	94,300	WA,NO,FA	2	8N,M	10	I-90,US-87	Yes	Yes	4	Yes	29.67	20.40	Coal,oil
C	Great Falls	S9,963	Cascade	84,300	WA,NO,FA,HA	4	BN,M	6	1-15,US-89	Yes	Yes	6	Yes	30.94	22.1S	Iron,coal
W C	Missoula	28,759	Missoula	63,700	NO,FA	S	8N,M	5	I-90,US-93	Yes	Yes	5	Yes	30.19	23.09	Timber
S W	Butte	23,369	Silver Bow	43,200	WA,NO	4	BN,M.UP,8A	4	I-90,I-15	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	31.46	25.12	Minerals,timber
C	Helena	23,203	Lewis & Clark	36,000	WA,NO	2	BN	8	I-15,US-12,US-287	Yes	Yes	2	Yes	31.45	23.S2	Timber,minerals
S C	Bozeman	19,B41	Gallatin	36,000	NO,FA	IO	BN,M	3	I-90,US-191	Yes	Yes	4	Yes	30.95	20.38	Timber, asbestos
N C	Havre	11,176	Hill	I7,700	FA	2	BN	1	US-2,US-87	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	30.47	21.4S	Natural gas
N W	Kalispell	10,673	Flathead	42,600	FA,HA	8	BN	4	US-93,US-2	Yes	Yes	3	Yes	27.13	19.36	Timber,minerals
S W	Anaconda	9,S01	Oeer Lodge	15,I00	WA,NO*	30	BA,UP	3	US-10A	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	33.17	22.70	Timber,phosphate
S E	Miles City	9,970	Custer	12,300	FA	2	BN,M	1	I-94,US-12,US-312,MT-22	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	29.23	17.62	Coal
S C	Livingston	8,33B	Park	11,900	NO,FA*	35	8N	4	I-90,US-89	yes	Yes	1	Yes	25.87	18.22	Coal,timber
C	Lewistown	7,I93	Fergus	I2,900	FA	I	8N,M	2	US-87,US-191	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	26.5B	16.97	Timber,gypsum
E C	Glendive	6,34B	Oawson	10,900	FA	8	BN	3	I-94,MT-16	Yes	Yes	S	Yes	30.16	21.21	Oil,gas,coal
N E	Glasgow	S,4S3	Valley	13,000	FA	2	BN	1	US-2	Yes	Yes	3	Yes	29.48	18.34	Gas,oil
S W	Oillon	4,367	Beaverhead	B,300	WA,NO*	66	UP	2	I-15,MT-41	No	Yes	1	Yes	22.42	I6.24	Talc,iron
E C	Sidney	4,369	Richland	9,900	FA	1	8N	2	MT-200,MT-16	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	21.51	17.42	Oil
S C	Laurel	5,0S0	Yellowstone	94,300	WA,NO,FA*	15	BN	6	I-90,US-310	No	Yes	1	No	29.13	20.40	Gas,oil,chromium
S W	Oeer Lodge	4,757	Powell	7,400	WA,NO*	35	BN,M	2	I-90	Yes	No	1	Yes	24.98	16.51	Metals,timber
N W	Cut Bank	3,036	Glacier	II,400	WA,NO,FA,HA*	110	BN	1	US-2	Yes	Yes	1	No	22.71	17.92	Oil,gas
N W	Whitefish	3,3S2	Flathead	42,600	FA,HA	9	8N	4	US-93	Yes	Yes	3	No	25.77	19.36	Timber,barite
N W	Libby	2,840	Lincoln	17,000	FA,HA	100	BN	2	US-2,MT-37	Yes	Yes	2	No	26.60	16.02	Timber,copper
N C	Shelby	3,102	Toole	5,400	WA,NO,FA,HA*	88	BN	1	I-1S,US-2	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	24.91	17.87	Gas,oil
N E	Wolf Point	3,41S	Roosevelt	10,500	FA	3	BN	2	US-2,MT-I3	Yes	No	1	Yes	27.01	20.27	Oil,gas
N C	Conrad	2,987	Pondera	6,700	WA,NO,FA,HA*	63	BN	2	I-1S	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	22.33	17.3S	Oil,gas
S C	Hardin	3,321	Big Horn	10,S00	WA,NO,FA*	46	BN	2	I-90,MT-47	Yes	Yes	1	No	20.71	12.50	Gas,coal
N W	Columbia Falls	3,054	Flathead	42,600	FA,HA	8	BN	3	US-2,MT-40	Yes	Yes	4	Yes	28.20	19.36	Timber,barite
S E	8aker	2,810	Fallon	3,900	FA*	B1	M	2	US-12,MT-7	Yes	No	1	Yes	22.18	13.06	Oil,gas,uranium
S W	Hamilton	3,101	Ravalli	17,900	NO,FA*	47	8N	2	US-93	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	24.10	18.99	Timber,minerals
N W	Polson	3,089	Lake	16,700	HA,FA*	49	8N	2	US-93	Yes	Yes	3	No	26.09	18.20	Timber,fluorspar
N E	Plentywood	2,276	Sheridan	S,300	FA*	84	8N	1	MT-S,MT-16	No	Yes	1	No	22.B1	19.35	Oil
N E	Malta	2,548	Phillips	5,S00	FA*	70	BN	1	US-2,US-I91	No	No	1	No	21.40	17.39	Bentonite,gas
C	Roundup	2,774	Musselshell	4,200	WA,NO,FA*	S3	M	2	US-12,US-87	Yes	Yes	1	Yes	21.83	15.33	Coal,timber

[1]1974 City & County Population Estimates
Oivision of Research & Information Systems
Montana Department of Community Affairs
(1974 population estimates based on 1970 rankings)
*General aviation airport in immediate area

[2]Montana's Air Carrier service is indicated above by the following: WA:Western Airlines; NO:Northwest Airlines; FA:Frontier Airlines; HA:Hughes Air West. Note: Air Carrier denotes airports served by commercial air carriers, passenger and freight.

[3]Montana's rail service is indicated above by the following: 8N: 8urlington Northern; M:Milwaukee Road; UP:Union Pacific; 8A:Butte, Anaconda & Pacific

[4]Property is divided into eleven classes for taxation purposes. In Montana most properties are assessed at approximately 40% of their true and full value. This is further reduced, depending on which class applies (30% for land, buildings, and equipment was used above) to reach a taxable value which was multiplied by the appropriate mill levy.

AVERAGE HOURLY EARNINGS PER EMPLOYEE BY MAJOR INDUSTRY

	1975	1974	1973	1972	1971	1970
Total Private	$4.43	$4.18	$3.80	$3.60	$3.31	$3.10
Manufacturing	5.32	4.95	4.51	4.18	3.95	3.70
Mining	6.33	5.62	4.82	4.50	3.94	3.84
Construction	7.80	7.84	6.40	5.97	5.40	5.06
Transport & Public Utilities	6.00	5.72	5.32	4.74	4.20	3.82
Trade (Wholesale, Retail)	3.55	3.35	3.11	3.01	2.82	2.62
Fin. Ins. & Real Estate	3.23	3.04	2.82	2.72	2.61	2.52
Services	3.22	2.92	2.66	2.53	2.41	2.28

Source: U.S. Department of Labor, 8ureau of Labor Statistics
(Average Earnings in Private, Nonagricultural Industries)

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1974 LABOR MARKET AREA EMPLOYMENT PATTERN

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7 20.40	Coal,oil
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3 17.62	Coal
7 18.22	Coal,timber
8 16.97	Timber,gypsum
5 21.21	Oil,gas,coal
8 18.34	Gas,oil
2 16.24	Talc,iron
1 17.42	Oil
8 20.40	Gas,oil,chromium
8 16.51	Metals,timber
1 17.92	Oil,gas
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SMSA's and LMA's*	Industry Totals Em-ployers	Industry Totals Work-ers[5]	Manufacturing Em-ployers	Manufacturing Work-ers	Contract Construction Em-ployers	Contract Construction Work-ers	Transp. & Public Utilities Em-ployers	Transp. & Public Utilities Work-ers	Wholesale & Retail Em-ployers	Wholesale & Retail Work-ers	Finance Insurance & Real Estate Em-ployers	Finance Insurance & Real Estate Work-ers	Services & Mining Em-ployers	Services & Mining Work-ers	Government Em-ployers	Government Work-ers	Agriculture Em-ployers[6]	Agriculture Work-ers
Billings SMSA	2,708	43,500	92	3,600	345	2,000	137	3,600	1,006	11,800	271	1,900	829	7,900	N/A	6,500	N/A	1,800
Great Falls SMSA	1,775	30,500	57	2,000	211	1,600	80	2,400	693	7,900	181	1,900	535	5,400	N/A	5,800	N/A	1,500
Anaconda-Butte	1,718	33,100	84	2,600	174	1,000	72	1,500	734	5,400	129	700	510	8,200	N/A	6,500	N/A	2,600
Bozeman	1,419	23,000	86	1,600	209	1,100	49	1,200	527	3,800	90	600	445	3,000	N/A	5,600	N/A	2,000
Glasgow	942	14,900	31	300	109	400	57	500	461	2,300	47	300	219	2,500	N/A	2,800	N/A	3,800
Glendive	719	12,400	27	400	117	500	40	900	296	2,000	56	300	175	1,700	N/A	1,900	N/A	3,300
Hardin-Red Lodge	607	10,200	29	200	76	300	33	200	261	1,300	39	200	160	1,200	N/A	1,900	N/A	2,900
Havre	626	10,900	22	200	81	300	31	900	263	1,900	54	300	160	1,400	N/A	2,200	N/A	2,100
Helena	1,128	20,400	54	1,100	124	600	32	1,200	394	2,900	117	1,000	402	3,900	N/A	6,000	N/A	1,200
Kalispell	1,999	27,900	253	5,000	270	1,300	104	1,500	716	4,500	124	700	512	3,600	N/A	4,000	N/A	2,000
Lewistown	591	9,800	34	300	67	300	30	400	263	1,400	40	200	148	1,000	N/A	1,600	N/A	3,100
Miles City	743	12,600	28	300	112	500	60	700	283	1,900	43	300	206	2,200	N/A	2,300	N/A	3,000
Missoula	2,503	36,600	241	4,400	362	1,500	149	2,200	804	6,800	201	1,100	720	5,900	N/A	7,900	N/A	1,700
Shelby-Cut Bank	983	15,200	29	200	98	400	56	500	437	2,100	56	300	295	2,200	N/A	2,800	N/A	4,200

*Labor Market Areas
[5]Industry figures do not equal the totals for all covered industries due to the exclusion of miscellaneous nonagricultural employment.
[6]Information Not Available

A FEW FACTS ABOUT MONTANA

Montana averages 500 miles long by nearly 300 miles wide. It contains 147,000 sq. miles of area and it is the fourth largest state in the United States. Its northern border extends one-fifth of the distance across the United States. The western one-third of Montana is mountainous while the eastern two-thirds consists of plains broken by isolated mountain groups.

Elevations vary from a high of 12,800 ft., in southcentral Montana, to a low of about 1,900 ft. at both the eastern and western borders where the rivers leave the state. The average elevation of Montana is about 3,400 ft. and this is the lowest of all the Rocky Mountain States.

Montana has four major rivers: the Missouri, the Yellowstone, the Clark Fork, and the Kootenai. The combined average annual flow of water leaving the state from these rivers is 42,000,000 acre-feet.

Precipitation varies from a minimum of only 6-8 inches per year to a maximum of 120 inches per year at a location in Glacier National Park. The average precipitation for the state is 15 inches per year. Most of Montana's cities are located in areas which receive less than 17 inches of precipitation per year.

Montana's winters are usually milder than those of several metropolitan cities in the Midwest. The state's average maximum daytime temperature in January is +29°F. However, wide fluctuations in temperature are not uncommon.

Montana's estimated population, July, 1975, is 748,000 people. This is about five persons oer sq. mile. However, one-third of Montana's population resides in its six largest cities.

Montana has nine senior colleges and universities. Six are state supported and three are private institutions. In addition, there are three community junior colleges and six vo-tech schools of which five are state supported and one is locally supported. Approximately 36% of Montana's eligible college-age youths are enrolled in these institutions of higher learning Total college enrollment in Montana is approximately 30,000 students.

Four airline companies (Northwest Airlines, Western Airlines, Frontier Airlines, and Hughes Air West) provide commercial service to the state.

Montana's major sources of basic income are: Agriculture (crops & livestock marketed, plus government payments, 1973) $1,124,307,000; value added by manufacturing; 1972) $457,500,000; Minerals produced 1973) $362,457,000; and Toruism (out-of-state visitors) 1972)$164,003,113.

The total average number of people employed in 1973 was 290,200. Included in this total were 56,400 in wholesale/retail trade; 55,300 in government; 42,200 in services, 24,400 in manufacturing; 36,300 in agriculture; 18,800 in transportation and public utilities; 13,400 in contract construction; 9,400 in finance/insurance/real estate; and 6,300 in mining.

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